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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 2553.2.3

***DECLARATION OF JAMES D. BRASHER  
UNDER RULE 132***

1. I, James D. Brasher, hereby declare that I am a self-employed general contractor having a residence at 425 Dusty Road, Reno Nevada, and a mailing address of Post Office Box 1118, Reno, Nevada 89439, and am a co-inventor of the claimed subject matter of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/725,991 (the '991 application), filed December 2, 2003 and entitled AGED ROOFING TILE SYSTEM.
2. I was a building contractor in California for 25 years, have now been building in Nevada for about another decade since, and have observed and studied building and various architectures throughout my life. I am aware of building techniques, materials, and technologies used over the past several hundred years, including the twentieth century and subsequently.
3. I am familiar with claims 1-14 and 17-62 of the '991 application, directed to new methods for making roofing tile.
4. I gathered photographs of European roofs showing aged, weathered, mossy tiles, some of them hundreds of years old, from across France, Germany, and England.
5. I contacted different European companies to see if they had anything available or could manufacture tile that had the aged, weathered, mossy, lichen appearance.
6. The only tiles available directly from a factory were tiles with multiple colors of clay or concrete mixed to vary the color scheme of the base tile; otherwise the only available solution was actual, recycled, aged tile. The tile industry actually recycles old tiles from ancient roofs, some as old as 700 years, but no one can "manufacture" such tile, nor is it available at a reasonable cost. Rather, it is a specialty item, each roof being unique, and the cost of labor, packing, shipping, and reinstallation being prohibitively expensive to obtain such European tiles in the United states from suppliers recycling it.
7. I have learned that an art-recognized, long-felt, persistent, and unmet need for the manufacture of economical roofing materials having an aged appearance, texture, coloring, and so forth such as lichen colonies and moss provide, but remains unmet by the inadequate substitute of mixed-color tiles (lacking the proper color scheme variations, texture, shadowing, and the like) or recycled tile (lacking ready commercial availability, realistic cost as a building material, etc.). Thus the known previous methods of attempting to satisfy the need were inadequate.